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In re application of:

Kasibhatla *et al.*

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated February 26, 2004 (hereinafter "Office Action"), Applicants submit the following Remarks. Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9-13, 28-31 and 36-44 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 28 and 31 being the independent claims. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-2, 4-7, 9-11, 28-31 and 36-42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Evans, D. L. *et al.*, *Cancer Research*, 54: 1596-1603 (1994) ("Evans *et al.*") in view of Porter, D. H. *et al.*, *Analytical Biochemistry*, 123: 41-48 (1982) ("Porter *et al.*") and U.S. Patent No. 6,342,611 ("the '611 patent"). Office Action, pages 2-8. Claims 12-13, 43 and 44 are also rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being

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